List of Current Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Method A method for encryption of data in a process automation network, including a network connected control unit, comprising the step of: characterized in that the data are encrypted in a

<u>encrypting data in the</u> network-connected control-unit, in a separate, exchangeable software module.

2. (Currently Amended) Method The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein:

the software module meets the FDT/DTM standard.

3. (Currently Amended) Method The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, serving further comprising the step of:

providing an FDT frame application, which runs in the control unit which serves as runtime environment for the software module[[,]] is an FDT frame application, which runs in the control unit.